

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Rogers (U.S. 2,981,297).

Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant is submitting a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure for that originally filed with this application to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Entry of the Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and has added new claims 4-6 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art, taken individually or in combination.

The new claims are directed toward a fastener belt comprising: warp yarns (21), weft yarns (22), and sewing threads (23) woven into a belt body (24) having a patterned surface of consecutive arcs (241) located on a first surface thereof and a tightly woven lint-like surface having circular hairy pile (242) located on a second surface thereof, the warp threads are alternatingly woven with at least two weft yarns, and the sewing threads are alternatingly woven with one weft yarn.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: the sewing threads have a plurality of tying holes spaced apart equal distances and having the warp yarns inserted there through; and the sewing threads have a plurality of interlaced tying

sections spaced apart equal distances and having the warp yarns interwoven therewith.

The cited reference to Rogers teaches a napped leno fabric having pairs of warp ends (A, B, C, D) interwoven with picks of a filling (1, 2, 3, 4). A first of the pairs of warp ends being woven with two picks of the filling. A second of the pairs of warp ends being woven with two picks of the filling or located on one side of the picks of the filling. Rogers does not suggest that the second of the pairs of warp ends be woven with one pick of the filling.

Rogers do not teach warp yarns, weft yarns, and sewing threads woven into a belt body having a patterned surface of consecutive arcs located on a first surface thereof and a tightly woven lint-like surface having circular hairy pile located on a second surface thereof; the warp threads are alternatingly woven with at least two weft yarns; nor do Rogers teach the sewing threads is alternatingly woven with one weft yarn.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Rogers does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Rogers cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Rogers does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Rogers renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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